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1. WHILE WE APPRECIATE YOUR DESIRE TO INFORM THE
PREMIER OF US VIEWS ON ROC NUCLEAR AND IBMND ACTIVITIES
(REFTELS), WE HAVE ALL ALONG INTENDED TO RAISE THESE
MATTERS FORMALLY WITH THE ROC IN A MANNER WHICH CONVEYS
THE FULL WEIGHT OF OUR CONCERN. INSTRUCTIONS ON THE
NUCLEAR APPROACH ARE NEARING COMPLETION AND WILL BE
PROVIDED SHORTLY. WE ARE CURRENTLY CONSULTING WITH
OTHER AGENCIES ON THE MEANS OF HANDLING CERTAIN SENSITIVE
ASPECTS OF OUR APPROACH ON THE IBMND. WE ARE ALSO
CONSIDERING QUESTIONS OF TIMING AND THE DESIRABILITY OF
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A COORDINATED APPROACH TO BOTH THE ROC AND RTG IN DEAL-
ING WITH THIS MATTER.

2. YOU SHOULD ALSO KNOW THAT YOU WILL BE SOON INSTRUCTED
TO RAISE WITH THE ROC OUR STRONG CONCERN ABOUT ITS AIR
PATROL ACTIVITY IN VICINITY OF PRC.

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